

What is claimed is:

1. A magnetic disk cartridge: comprising a flat housing constituted by upper and lower shell halves; and a magnetic disk as a recording medium which is rotatably accommodated within the housing, the housing including an opening to allow a recording/reproducing head of a drive unit to access a surface of the magnetic disk, a rotary shutter used to open and close the opening, and a shutter lock member for locking the rotary shutter at its closed position,

wherein the shutter lock member is constituted by a shutter lock body having a sliding contact surface provided on the upper or lower surface of the shutter lock member in sliding contact with the inner surface of either one of the upper and lower shell halves, a sliding-contact-surface-side protrusion formed on the one of the upper or lower surface of the shutter lock body, and an opposite-surface-side protrusion formed on the other of the upper or lower surface of the shutter lock body;

wherein one of the upper and lower shell halves includes a protrusion receiving hole having a diameter substantially same as that of the sliding-contact-surface-side protrusion; and

wherein the shutter lock member is rotatably disposed between the upper and lower shell halves while the sliding contact surface of the shutter lock member is in sliding

contact with the inner surface of the one of the shell halves with the sliding-contact-surface-side protrusion being received within the protrusion receiving hole, and while the end of the opposite-surface-side protrusion is in
5 sliding contact with the inner surface of the other shell half.

2. A magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the shutter lock member is formed integrally with the sliding-contact-surface-side protrusion and the
10 opposite-surface-side protrusion.

3. A magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 2, wherein the shutter lock member has a recess, which is concave relative to the sliding-contact-surface-side protrusion, at the distal end of the opposite-surface-side
15 protrusion; and

wherein the other shell half has a projection which matingly engages with the recess.